

U. S. CONCLUDING WORST 12 MONTHS OF LABOR STRIKES

Uncertain New Year's Calm Prevails On The National Scene

SEE ANOTHER ROUND

Industrial Disputes May Continue With The Same "Actors"

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—(INS)—

An uncertain New Year's calm prevailed on the national labor-management scene today as the United States concluded the worst 12-month period of strikes in its history.

The advent of 1947 finds the country on the threshold of another round of industrial disputes involving the same actors and the same issues as in the year just ended.

The big question among Administration leaders and American citizens generally is whether the disputes hold the same explosive potentialities; the same prospect for strife, idleness and lost production.

Top government labor officials believe not. Secretary of Labor Lewis B. Schwellenbach and his aides see a good chance that the nation can avoid 1946's record of nearly 5,000 strikes and more than 110 million man-days of idleness.

A number of factors account for the optimism. The principal one is the expectation that labor's 1947 wage-increase demands—generally aimed at a \$2-a-day boost—can be compromised at about half that figure.

Another incentive to peaceful settlements is the presence of a new Republican Congress, primed to enact legislation to free the country of crippling work stoppages in basic industries.

A third factor is the strike-weariness of organized labor's 14 million members; their great loss of wages during 1946's bitter industrial battles, and the depleted state of many union treasuries.

The next six weeks should tell the story. CIO President Philip Murray will seek to negotiate a 1947 contract for his 820 thousand steelworkers that will set the "pattern" for second-round reconversion wage adjustments.

Murray sounded this keynote for the "Big Steel" talks:

"The CIO never enters a conference with the idea of strike. There is no threat in the offing. We want decent, clean-cut collective bargaining. We are simply asking for a better living."

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Servicemen Are Invited To New Year's Eve Dance

LANGHORNE, Dec. 30.—A New Year's eve dance is scheduled for the Langhorne Country Club by the Junior Sorosis for tomorrow evening, the hours being 10 p. m. to 2 a. m.

Servicemen are to be admitted to the affair free, it is announced. Proceeds will be used for rehabilitation work in veterans' hospitals. Mrs. Clement Mather in chairman of the dance committee.

ANNOUNCE RETROTHAL

Mr. and Mrs. William K. Bennett announce the engagement of their daughter, Eleanor, to Edward Mulvey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mulvey, Newportville. No date has been set for the wedding.

Like magic—the Want Ads pull Big Dollars out of small articles.

LOCAL WEATHER OBSERVATIONS
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BRAVE NEW COACHES

That brave new world of the
future filled with bright and fancy
gadgets, which was promised dur-
ing the war, was not a mirage
after all. The proof rested a day
or two ago in the Pennsylvania
Station in New York. There one
could see, not on paper but in the
steel samples of the Pennsylvania
Railroad's brand new passenger
coaches.

From accounts in the New
York newspapers it is deduced
that these are the real thing, and
not just a 1930 model dressed up
in new paint and thin chromium
trimming. The doors, according
to one reporter, "open automati-
cally after the slightest touch";
entrances are wide for the bag-
gage-laden passenger; the num-
ber of seats has been reduced
from 56 to 44 to provide more leg
room, and fluorescent lamps
spread an adequate, even light.

The first of these new cars, as
is only natural, is destined for
the crack, long-distance trains.
But by mid-summer there may be
enough of them to give a few per-
sons an opportunity to ride in one.
And when they do find one of
these postwar coaches, the first
thing most persons will do is to
place a little finger against the
door and see if it is literally true
that it opens "automatically after
the slightest touch."

If it does, there will no longer
be doubt that the brave new
world has arrived.

WHAT TO PRINT

* Seven years ago editors of
American newspapers, in an effort
to get answers to their perennial
perplexity about what the read-
ers like to read, inaugurated a
progressive series of survey-
studies. The fact-finders whose
job it was to interview the read-
ers came up with some highly
interesting results.

An upsurge of serious thinking
that began before the war still is
going up, as reflected in a sur-
prisingly high readership of the
editorial page. Of the men inter-
viewed, the percentage who read
editorials ranged from 77 to 17,
with a median of 45. For women,
the median was 29. Interest in
comics, financial news, radio pro-
grams and society news showed
a postwar decline.

Outstanding news photos con-
sistently drew the highest read-
ership, appealing to 89 per cent of
the men and 91 per cent of the
women. The best read news
stories are 20 points below these.
Among the women the best read
departmental features are deaths,
comics, humor panels, oddities and
the weather. Postwar studies re-
veal that men's readership of de-
partment store advertising has in-
creased 18 percentage points, while
women's has increased 8 points.

Publishers realize that any
readership study must be on a
continuing basis, because public
tastes fluctuate with economic and
other conditions. Nor can the
factual results be applied too
strictly and generally. Newspapers
still must be well-edited and
forceful, and what a slide-rule can
do for one will not apply in any
equality of results for another.

ECHOES OF THE PAST

(By Courier Staff Member)

Review of the news as it appeared in the Bucks County Gazette
issue dated at Bristol Nov. 1, 1894. The Gazette, a weekly news-
paper published in Bristol, was discontinued following its merger
with the Courier.

The Langhorne post office was
robbed on last Thursday morning
of \$300 in stamps and cash.

A number of gentlemen of the
borough have subscribed to a fund
for the purpose of having the elec-
tion returns displayed by stereop-
tion as soon as received. The display
will be made on Radcliffe street
above Mill.

Last Friday evening Hermonie
Lodge, 109 K. of P., celebrated its
24th anniversary by an entertain-
ment and lunch in Riverview Hall.
Altogether the attendance was
about 200.

(Following items from Gazettes of
November, 1894.)

The new school house will be
dedicated on Saturday next, Nov.
10th, with appropriate ceremonies,
commencing at two o'clock. Dr. Na-
than C. Schaeffer, superintendent
of public instruction, William H.
Sloter, county superintendent, ex-
superintendents Eastburn and
Woodruff, and others, will deliver
addresses.

Falington farmers and land
owners have formed themselves in-
to a game protective association.
They will prosecute violators of
game and fish laws and trespassers.

Rev. E. E. Burtiss, pastor of
Bristol M. E. Church, has received a
call to the Memorial M. E. Church,
eighth street and Lehigh avenue,
Philadelphia.

The Philadelphia Gun Club has
purchased the Austin property on
the Delaware near Edgely, for
\$30,000, and will convert the old
mansion into a club house.

William Kinsey, Esq., a life-long
resident of this borough, will attain
his 9th birthday next Thursday.

Burglars raided several places in
Bristol Monday night. They visited

the office of Harry VanHorn's
blacksmith shop and carried away
a lot of tools and gold spectacles
and papers from his desk. They also
visited the stables of William Dow-
ling and stole several fine blank-
ets, and took harness, etc., from
the stables of Mr. Hatfield.

E. W. Minster has recovered his
stolen team. He received a dispatch
from Elizabeth, N. J., the other day,
saying it was there. The thieves
had driven that far and put it up
at a livery stable and then aban-
doned it.

Bread has dropped from five
cents to four cents a loaf.

The new high school opened last
Monday (Nov. 19).

The price of turkeys yesterday
ranked from 14 to 18 cents a pound,
according to quality.

The Bristol Gas Light Company
has received a car load of canal
coal from Kentucky, which will be
mixed with other coal and thus pro-
duce a gas of greater illuminating
power.

This afternoon Fidelity Council,
No. 21, Jr. O. U. A. M., will raise a
flag on the new school building, cor-
ner Wood and Mulberry streets, pre-
ceded by a large parade which will
be made up of councils from Hur-
lington and Morrisville and the G.
A. R. of Bristol.

The county commissioners held a
special meeting at their office in
the court house on Friday morning.
R. Chester Stover was appointed
assessor in the second ward of Bris-
tol, to fill the unexpired term of Ed-
win J. Burton, resigned. Amos B.
Headley, of Tullytown, was ap-
pointed to fill the vacancy in the board
of trustees of the Norristown Insane
Asylum, caused by the death of the
Hon. George Ross.

WHAT ARE FARMS WORTH?

Continued from Page One

Now, if a man wants a farm for sentimental reasons, what
is it worth to him? Whatever he thinks he can afford to pay for
it. There simply is no yardstick for such valuations.

The discomforts of city life, the hardships of rationing, the
ease of modern transportation, the extension of powerlines, and
perhaps above all, the invention of so much farm-labor-saving
devices, have encouraged a trend "back to the farm" which
has had profound effects upon American life for more than a
generation.

Take the single matter of food. There are those who, if
they cannot be said to "live to eat," at least rate the enjoyment
of good dishes one of their major pleasures. A man with his own
farm can provide himself with luxuries which simply are not
otherwise available as a steady diet—whipping cream whenever
he wishes, two-inch steaks properly "finished," fruit of infinite
variety; why tantalize ourselves? As a matter of fact, a farm in
Pennsylvania can provide virtually everything anyone wants,
save only citrus fruits, coffee and "white" sugar.

As to economics, no one is apt to expect the city dweller
who moves to a farm, particularly with such thoughts in mind,
to "make money." The most he can do is apt to be breaking
even by charging off such costs as city-rent, fuel bills, etc.—and
forgetting to put down labor costs of himself and family.

There is a great economic drive towards farm buying
which the Record largely ignores; that is inflation. For several
years money has been abundant. Its "velocity" is high. The
wage-earner has felt it burn his pockets. By the thousands, he
has turned to farm-land as one "safe" place to invest it. There
has been an instinctive recognition that the money itself was
transient. Perhaps never in our history have unusual hiding
places for currency been less used—whether sugar-bowls or
safety-deposit boxes.

There has been little which could be done with money.
Artificially low interest rates have discouraged it in the fields
of industry. Some has gone to the stock-market, in periodic
waves; some to jewelry; much of it to city homes; and a lot of
it, unhappily, has been frittered away in such activities as
record-breaking horse-race seasons.

Rising farm-land prices may be said to be an unfeeling
companion of inflation. And, as has happened in the U. S., they
tip up sharply in the course of time, when the supply lags behind
the demand and competitive bidding starts.

This brings up a key point in testing the worth of the
Record-Department of Agriculture forecast of lower prices in
the future. Is inflation over? Certainly not yet. Not until the
national budget is balanced far below its present level; not until
the public debt is being retired by bona fide surpluses; not until
the labor strife is terminated to permit all-out production; not
until Uncle Sam stops pumping water into his currency.

Does the Record think that that day is near at hand?
Maybe so; maybe not. Let's wait to see what President Tru-
man's budget plan looks like, and the Republicans agree on
what to do about it.

But bear this in mind: if inflation has already reached the
un-awake stage, as may have happened; if the Republican vic-
tory turns out to have come too late—then farm-land, bought
at whatever price, with money which will in that event be con-
stantly depreciating in value, will continue to be one of the best
bargains available to the American people.

"You pay your money and you take your choice."
What about mortgages? The U. S. figures, as quoted by
the Record, do not tell enough of the story. Prior reports had
indicated that farm-mortgages were low in ratio to estimated
values. Five billion dollars is a lot of money—but farming is
a lot of money, too. Pennsylvania's farming alone is something
better than a billion dollar industry.

Factors which defy prediction will decide whether the eco-
nomic balance between valuations and mortgages is sound. One
of these is prices for farm products; are they on their way up
or down? Who can tell?

Do farm mortgages cause farm depressions? The Record
obviously thinks so. But that's a matter of opinion. The Record
at other times has taken a contrary view—it has held that the
real determinant is industrial activity; workers' earnings control
the market for farm-stuffs.

Did farm mortgages have anything to do with the "panic"

of 1920-21? Very little. They were at most merely a compli-
cation. The cause of that recession is absurdly simple, though
it has been customary for New Dealers to try to forget it. Wood-
row Wilson had slashed protective tariffs just before the War.
As soon as shipping became available, which was about 1920,
foreign producers sent in a flood of low-priced goods. American
plants shut down wholesale—and the farmers were pushed to
the wall for lack of markets.

Does the Record expect history to repeat in this respect?
One would think so by the assurance of their predictions.
Certainly the stage has been carefully set for the same calamity
by the New Deal Reciprocal Trade Agreements.

In 1920-21, the "farm" depression stopped immediately
when a frantic Congress jammed through an emergency pro-
tective tariff program. The same development may lie ahead
today.

The Great Game of Politics

Continued from Page One

Mr. Truman has told his intimates
to forget all about 1948 and the
nominating convention eighteen
months hence, and concentrate on
doing the best nonpolitical job of
which they are capable."

IN THE second place, he was freed
from the interminable pressure by
advisers of the Chairman Hanne-
man type who constantly insisted
that he must not "alienate labor."

By labor, of course, they meant
the labor horses of the CIO and
their Communist-saturated allies
of the American Labor party. Two
things combined to make the Presi-
dent's freedom from these com-
plete. One was that they and the
candidates supported by them suf-
fered the most crushing defeats of
any in all parts of the country.
The other was that these labor
bosses have been personally and
openly so vindictive and vituper-
ative toward the President that no

BESIDES relieving him of the cor-
roding effects of personal political
ambition, the election results gave
Mr. Truman freedom in other ways.
For example, they relieved him
from what he deemed an obligation

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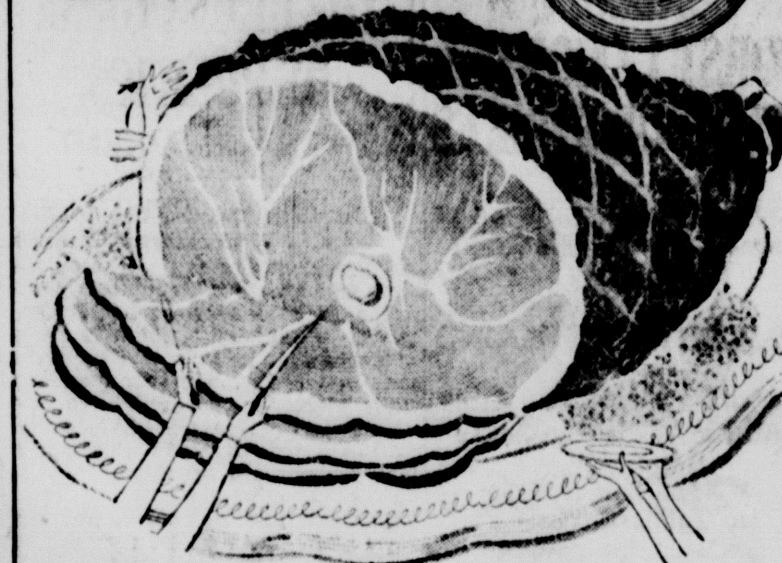
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Both the Cadets and Juniors have lost four straight contests and are anxious to break into the win column. The Celtics won their first game last week with a triumph over the Hibernians.

BOWLING

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Standing—12-25-46	Won	Lost
Bristolians	42	14
Jackson's	41	15
Lucky Strike	41	15
D. of A.	41	15
Fleetwings	41	15
Emille	28	20
R. & H.	25	31
P. P. P.	19	33
Wilson's	14	38
Processing	10	38
(*) week back.		
(†) 2 weeks back.		

Ten High Averages	
R. Marshall, Jackson's	149.30
H. VanAken, Bristolians	147.24
S. O'Boyle, Bristolians	146.34
R. Louder, Bristolians	145.34
V. Hibbs, Emille	145.5
S. Pogany, Wilson's	145.2
G. Crohe, Lucky Strike	143.7
V. Keers, D. of A.	142.34
R. Goebig, Jackson's	140.19
C. Keers, D. of A.	137.16

Team High 3 Games	
Bristolians	2315
Team High Single	
Jackson's	842
High 3 Games Individual	
S. O'Boyle, Bristolians	522
S. Pogany, Wilson's	522
High Single Game Individual	
G. Crohe, Lucky Strike	210

P. P. P.	
P. Watterick	147 151 142-440
V. Rancik	96 96 102-294
L. Bachofer	110 106 124-340
O. Bachofer	110 127 135-372
Low Score	124 103 140-367
Handicap	56 56 56

Jackson's	
A. Tullback	124 159 178-461
M. McGee	121 158 182-461
L. Dyer	116 125 113-354
E. Muller	119 81 200
G. Crohe	148 156 168-472
Low Score	124 98 142-364
Handicap	20 34 33

Lucky Strike	
G. Morris	125 157 137-419
M. McGee	121 158 182-461
L. Dyer	116 125 113-354
E. Muller	119 81 200
G. Crohe	148 156 168-472
Low Score	124 98 142-364
Handicap	20 34 33

R. & H.	
C. Walker	111 112 100-323
H. Bosarth	103 109 150-362
H. Howell	124 149 120-392
Low Score	116 81 113-310
Blind	100 100 100-300

D. of A.	
D. Barr	115 147 111-373
M. Fox	130 125 122-377
P. Bunting	130 125 122-377
L. Dyer	116 125 113-354
C. Keers	171 154 159-484
V. Keers	157 167 149-473

Jackson's	
A. Tullback	126 116 116-358
K. DeRisi	133 115 121-369
M. Marshall	103 131 133-367
R. Goebig	186 148 154-488
B. Marshall	117 125 142-384

Fleetwings	
M. Hunter	131 148 168-447
E. McIlwaine	113 175 158-446
K. McLaughlin	155 157 126-438
P. Ciancioli	127 105 107-339
Low Score	103 115 116-334
Handicap	41 41 41

Bristolians	
H. VanAken	169 137 138-444
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Standing	Won	Lost
Harriman	4	0
St. Ann's	3	1
Fifth Ward	3	1
Third Ward	3	1
Hibernians	2	2
Celtics	1	3
Legion Cadets	0	4
Keystone Oil	0	4

U. S. Concluding Worst 12 Months of Labor Strikes

Continued from Page One
Government officials hope they are keeping their fingers crossed and continuing their never-ending efforts to devise plans, policies and machinery to assure the nation of peaceful adjudication of future labor controversies.

The year 1946 saw little progress toward this goal. This year ahead presents another opportunity for success. The Administration's program for industrial harmony will be contained in President Truman's recommendations to Congress.

Most government officials are opposed to compulsory arbitration devices, reluctant to infringe on labor's "right to strike"; but all acknowledge the imperative necessity of ridding the nation of economy-crippling shutdowns in major industries.

The past year opened on the heels of a grand-scale attempt to get labor and management to put their own house in order. The effort was ill-fated. A national labor-management conference failed in its objective of providing industrial harmony.

First big strike of the year occurred in autos, steel and electrical appliances as the CIO hammered unsuccessfully on its theme—to be renewed in 1947—of industry's ability to pay wage increases without higher prices.

In the ensuing 12 months, virtually every major industry in the country ceased operations to some extent because of a labor dispute. Bureau of Labor Statistics experts

described the year as unparalleled in uninterrupted intensity of labor strife.

In the Spring, John L. Lewis' 400,000 soft coal miners walked out. The government seized the mines and negotiated a new contract with the United Mine Workers union, but trouble flared again in the coal fields before the year was out.

A winter walkout by the miners threatened to blanket the nation's traditional Christmas gaiety, but ended under the pressure of a government injunction and the imposition of \$3,510,000 in fines against Lewis and the UMW.

The government's legal battle with Lewis carries over into 1947, however, and the possibility of a new coal work stoppage has been posed for next March 31.

A brief May strike on the railroads was ended when President Truman went before an angry Congress to demand legislation to draft the idle workers into the Army.

A maritime walkout narrowly averted in mid-summer but occurred in the fall to tie up the United States merchant fleet for more than a month.

Strikes made most of the labor news in 1946, although labor's fight on the wage-price policy front also shared the headlines intermittently.

In February, President Truman modified the government's war-time

wage-price controls to establish the first-round pattern of 15½ cents an hour for reconversion wage increases.

During the summer, labor fought a losing battle to retain tight OPA controls. In November, Mr. Truman scrapped wage-price regulations and directed the liquidation of the National Wage Stabilization Board.

Another highlight of the labor year was the readmission of John L. Lewis and his miners to the American Federation of Labor.

The CIO weathered an intra-organization fight on left-wing influences by adopting a resolution at its national convention "resenting and rejecting" Communist interference in CIO affairs.

In July, labor lost one of its most prominent leaders through the death of Sidney Hillman, Russian-born exponent of labor participation in politics and founder of the CIO Political Action committee.

All the events were overshadowed, however, by the unbroken warfare between unions and industry.

The year 1947 presents a new challenge to both labor and management with the return of free collective bargaining, unimpeded by government controls, for the first time in five years.

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The Christmas Church School festival was held on Friday evening in Grace Church parish house. The program included a motion picture, "The Night Before Christmas," and instrumental duets by Ferdinand Reetz, Jr., and Roland Dunlap. Candy and other gifts were distributed to the scholars.

Christmas dinner was served on Wednesday at the home of Mrs. William Vansant and Mr. and Mrs. John Gottsabend to the following: Mr. and Mrs. Carman Vansant and daughters Nancy and Carol, Mr. and Mrs. John Vansant and daughters Jean and Linda, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stradling and children Elizabeth and Wayne, of Langhorne. Yesterday Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Turton, of Philadelphia, were entertained at dinner by Mr. and Mrs. Gottsabend.

Dinner guests yesterday of Miss Elma H. Haefner were Mrs. Wilhelm Stumm, Charles Haefner and George Scott, of Merchantville, N. J.; and Miss Erda M. Schatt, of Hulmeville.

A business meeting will be conducted in Grace Episcopal parish house this evening at 7:30 at which time vestrymen will be elected.

Mrs. Gwendolyn Begle and sons Peter and Stephen, Unionville, Mich., enjoyed four days with Mrs. Begle's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hibbs, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gatlund, Buffalo, N. Y., are spending this week with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hibbs.

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